



# MESA 2020

Middle East Studies Association  
54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

October 5 - 17, 2020

## Guide for Live Attendees



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# The Gallery

## Sessions Gallery is the Hallway to the conference

- You will be able to login using SSO credentials:  
<https://mesa2020.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home>
- Gallery is the “Hallway” to your conference. In the gallery you will be able to browse through the schedule and find the session you will be joining.



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Films are available to watch on demand at any time for registered attendees in the [FilmFest Gallery](#).

[Registration](#) is required of all participants to view the schedule, join sessions, or to stream films. Register [here](#) through your myMESA account.

For all technical issues, please visit the [Support](#) page for live help.

[View Schedule](#)

**Personal Behavior (Code of Conduct):**  
The MESA annual meeting is a harassment-free event for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, age, or religion. Any attendee who displays inappropriate behavior or creates a disturbance or safety hazard will be subject to having their registration revoked. If you are being harassed or notice an act of harassment, immediately contact an ombudsperson ([ombuds@mesana.org](mailto:ombuds@mesana.org)) or use the form found [here](#) to report the incident.

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## Using Email to Login

# Logging into the Gallery

1. Follow this link to log into the conference gallery:  
<https://mesa2020.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home>
2. Select **View Schedule**
3. Use your registered email to sign in to the gallery. Once you enter your email and select “Sign In” you will receive an email in your inbox with a new link to the gallery. Click that to officially log into the conference gallery.

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Sign In

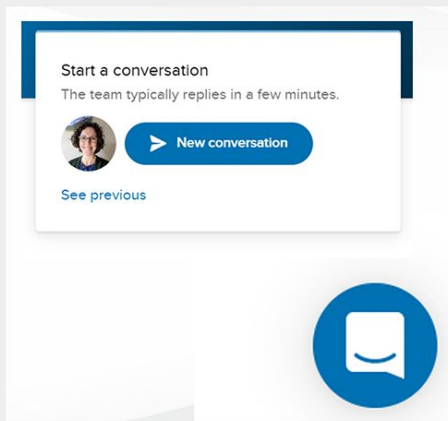
Email address

**SIGN IN**

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# How We Work With You - Live Event

- Once you are signed in, select **Schedule** to find the conference schedule.
- Browse through the schedule to find your session.
- If you run into any issues, select the **Live Chat Widget** on the bottom right of the gallery. This will connect you with OpenWater Live Support who can point you in the right direction or send you direct links to any session.



A screenshot of the MESA 2020 website. The header features the text 'MESA 2020 Middle East Studies Association 54th Annual Meeting October 5 - 17, 2020' with decorative geometric patterns. A navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'SCHEDULE', 'EXHIBITORS', 'FILMS', and 'SUPPORT'. A red arrow points to the 'SCHEDULE' link. The main content area shows a welcome message, sorting options, and a list of sessions. The first session is 'AATT Roundtable: Materials, Development, &amp; Design'. The second is 'Beyond Sectarianism: Medieval Shi'ism Reconsidered'. The third is 'Biographies in Tribal Arab Societies'. On the right, there is a 'Refine your search' sidebar with a search box, category filters, and a 'See Results from All Days' button. At the bottom right, a red box highlights a blue circular live chat icon.

# Joining Your Session

- Find your session in the conference schedule and select **the title of the session**.
- On the left side of the screen is the **Course Information**. On the right side of the screen is where you will be able to join the session.
  - The rooms will open up **15 minutes** prior to the schedule start time. Before the 15 minute mark a message will display reading **ROOM CLOSED UNTIL X:XX AM / PM**
  - When it is 15 minutes before the scheduled start time, that message will change to a button that says **JOIN MEETING**. Click to join the meeting. If you join prior to the scheduled start time, you will be placed into a **Waiting Room** until the meeting host admits you.

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## AATT Roundtable: Materials, Development, & Design

Sponsor: American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages (AATT)

This year's AATT Roundtable at MESA 2020 will focus on Materials Development & Design. A main problem for Turkish language instructors, and LCTL instructors in general, is the fact that there is a shortage of good quality teaching materials. Language teaching materials that are based on ACTFL's Standards for Foreign Language Learning and contain activities that foster and encourage meaningful communication in Turkish do not quite exist. Published materials for Turkish are usually outdated, do not include enough cultural information, and have only few communicative-performance-based activities, if at all, while supplementary materials are essentially nonexistent. Moreover, even the best textbook does not necessarily meet all the conditions in a language classroom, which is why instructors feel the need to explore teaching materials outside the textbooks and modify them according to their needs and the needs and profile of their students. Most Turkish teachers are thus faced with the need to create their own materials. However, instructors, especially those who are new to the field of language teaching, may find it difficult to know where to start. To address the challenges that Turkish instructors face in developing Turkish instructional materials, including testing materials, the AATT roundtable will bring together Turkish language teaching professionals to share best practices in the area of Materials Development & Design and promote a discussion of useful tools, ideas, and tips that are needed to create meaningful and useful materials for Turkish language instruction in the 21st century. Additionally, in order to equip students of Turkish with the skills

AATT Roundtable: Materials, Development, & Design

ROOM OPENS AT 10:45 AM

Start Test Room  
Category  
Roundtable

Description  
Monday, October 5

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST

Room: 01

Discipline: Language

Geographic Areas

October 5 - 17, 2020

HOME SCHEDULE EXHIBITORS FILMS SUPPORT

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Welcome to the MESA 2020 conference program!

All sessions can be sorted by date, time, type, and are searchable as well.

Please click the JOIN SESSION button on the righthandside of the session page to enter the meeting room.

Please also note that meeting rooms will open shortly before the scheduled start by approximately 10 minutes.

Times are displayed in (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) [Change](#)

Today Monday, October 5 Tuesday, October 6 Wednesday, October 7 TI

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

AATT Roundtable: Materials, Development, & Design  
Add to Google | Outlook | iCalendar  
Roundtable  
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Category Any

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Special Session  
Thematic Conversation

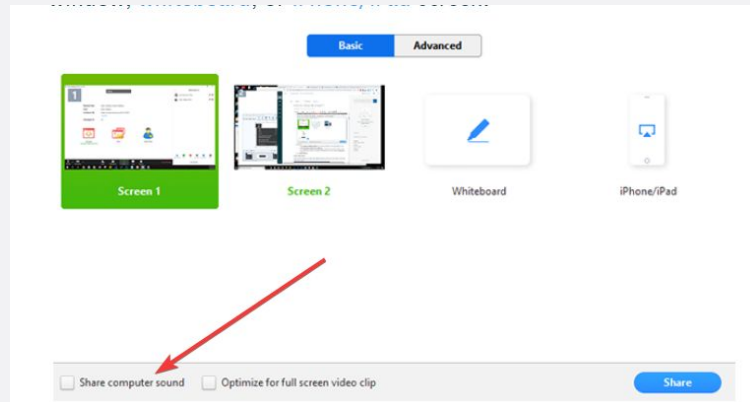
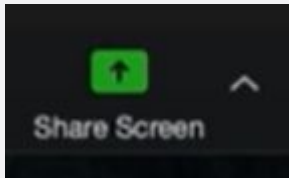
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View undergraduate poster sessions here.

CUMES Posters

# Screen Sharing Best Practices

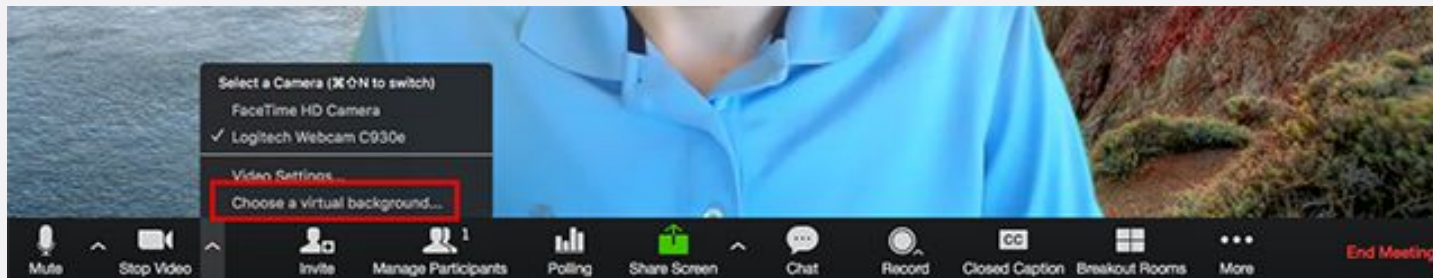
- In your meeting you may want to share your screen to show a presentations and / or a pre-recorded video.
- To do this, click **Share Screen** in the Zoom toolbar.
- You can choose which screen, application, or page you'd like to share.
- OpenWater recommends sharing an **Application** vs an entire screen, as this will limit the chances of unwanted popups or notifications from displaying in your meeting.
- If you will be sharing a pre-recorded video, **make sure you select Share Computer Sound** before you select share. This will play sounds directly from your computer rather than picking up sound from your microphone. We also recommend **Muting Yourself** to prevent any sound feedback while you're sharing.
- We **do not** recommend clicking **Optimize full screen video clip**. This will compress your video and make it too choppy and make most text in a video illegible.





# Set Your Virtual Background

- If you are sharing your camera, you can choose to have a **Virtual Background**. To do this, click on the arrow next to **Start Video** and **Choose a Virtual Background**
- The virtual background will work even if you don't have a green screen. If you have a bookshelf or a lot of angles, the virtual background won't work well.

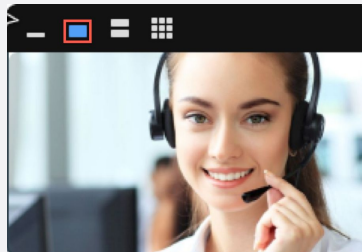


# Camera Views

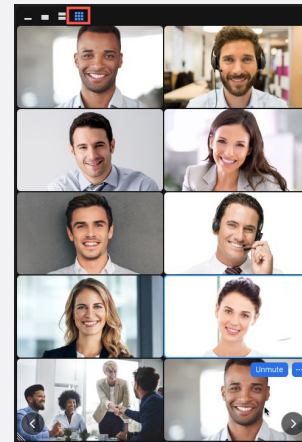
- All attendees can control their own camera views.
- There are two main camera views
  - Active Speaker view: Only the person who is currently speaking will be displayed.
  - Gallery Grid View: All active cameras will be displayed.
- To change the view find the **Speaker Control Strip** at the top right of the screen (only appears when there is more than one active camera)



Active Speaker View



Gallery Grid View





# Chat

- The **Chat** feature can be used to communicate with hosts and other attendees.
- To access the chat feature, select the **Chat** icon in your Zoom toolbar.
- Depending on your meeting settings, you will be able to either chat with Everyone or Privately Message other attendees.
- You can use the Chat feature to also upload files

